

**CBI raids at residences of MTNL Employees, Mumbai**

3144. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (b) whether it is a fact that residences of more than 60 MTNL senior officials were raided by the CBI at Mumbai;
- (c) if so, the details of the raid and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) CBI(ACB), Mumbai has raided the residential and office premises of 9 MTNL officials and 6 parties at Mumbai in connection with the alleged irregularities in the award and execution of "reinstatement work" contracts.

- (c) Cases have been registered by CBI against MTNL officials and parties.

**Clearance of waiting list of Idgah Telephone Exchange**

3145. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons in the waiting list for granting telephone connections in Idgah Telephone Exchange of Demi;
- (b) what steps are being taken to clear the backlog and to provide the connection; and
- (c) by when the waiting list upto July 2000 is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, 1735 persons are on waiting list for provisioning of telephone connections in Idgah Telephone Exchange of Delhi.

- (a) New technology equipment is being inducted in outdoor plant to make the area technically feasible to clear the backlog and to provide telephone connections.
- (b) Efforts are afoot to provide telephone connections progressively by March 2001, to the persons on waiting list upto July 2000.